formulate action plan to remove deficiencies and provide amenities at a scale as warranted, by the volume of traffic dealt with at the stations. Instructions have also been given to the Railways to take up major stations for identifying and providing passenger amenities at the level required, in a substantial measure, so as to make an appreciable impact upon the users.

World Bank loan for procurement of rolling stock

7848. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is considering to provide a loan worth Rs. 186 crores to the Indian Railways for procurement of rolling stock;

(b) if so, whether in addition, the railways have sought Bank's assistance for the electrification and computerisation programmes as well;

(c) whether the WB has also agreed to provide funds as sought by the railways;

(d) if so, by when the WB is clearing the loan to the railways; and

(e) whether any concrete programme has been formulated in this regard if so, the details thereof?;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Offers from foreign investors for the Scheme 'Own Your Own Wagon'

7849. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether RAILWAYS have received a number of offers from the foreign investors in the Scheme "Own Your Own Wagon";

(b) if so, whether most of the companies are negotiating with Railways to have captive wagon fleet;

(c) whether Railways have considered the offers made by the foreign investors in this regard;

(d) whether Railways have decided to procure only 18000 Wagons against its requirtement of 24,000 wagons durng 1994-95;

(e) whether this gap of 6,000 wagons is being bridged through private investment; and

(f) if so, by when a final agreement in this regard is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Procurement programme of Passenger Coaches

7850. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have decided to slash down wagon procurement programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railways is also going to scale down orders for passenger Coaches;

(c) whether it is a fact that these decisions would adversely affect the coach manufacturing industry including Bharat Wagon Ltd.;

(d) whether it is a fact that these decision would also adversely affect freight and passenger movement; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Though coach orders have been reduced, alternate loads such as export of coaches and manufacturing of containers, have been secured for the coach building units in the Railways Sector. Bharat Wagons Ltd. does not supply coaches to Indian Railways.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Running of Parallel Pallavan Express from Madras to Tiruchirapalli

7851. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run a parallel Pallavan Express from Madras to Tiruchirapalli;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when this train will be introduced; and

(d) whether this train will be extended upto Madurai?;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) It is proposed to introduced reverse Vaigai Express between Madras and Madurai from July' 94 time-table.

Computerisation of Reservation facilities at Railways Stations in Assam

7852. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railways stations in Assam where the facilities of computerisation of Railway Ticket Reservation have been started;

(b) the details of additional stations in the State where such facilities are proposed to be made available during 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) the details of programmes drawn up by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) one at Guwahati.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to provide the facility of computerised passenger reservation at any other station in Assam in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Shatabadi Express between Delhi and Amritsar

7853. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5772 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 1994 and state:

(a) what progress has been made to implement the proposal of introduction of Shatabadi Express between New Delhi and Amritsar;

(b) what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the initiative of Government to implement the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) New Delhi-Amritsar Shatabdi Express will be introduced during the year 1994-95. The proposed Shatabdi will run on six days a week and will be scheduled to leave Amritsar in the morning and return in the late evening.

Introduction of Train to Link Delhi with Coastal Districts of Andhra Pradesh

7854. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need to introduce a train to link Delhi and the northern Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons for not